

LONG TERM COMMUNITY RECOVERY

JOINT TASK FORCE

Meeting Notes

May 16, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

ATTENDEES

NAME	AGENCY & INFORMATION	NAME	AGENCY & INFORMATION
Rocky Milliman	ADECA LTCR	Corlis Floyd	ADECA LTCR
Stephanie Southerland	ADECA LTCR	Bob Haywood	FEMA
Stephen Carr	GFBCI - DCMP	Jack Green	CAPNA
Elizabeth Brown	AL Historical Commission	Ken Hollingsworth	ADECA Workforce Investment
Walker Jackson	Auburn TA Center	Lorilei Sanders	ADECA Workforce Initiatives
John Olsen	FDIC	Brooke Fussell	GFBCI
Mike Shafer	CAPNA		
Via telephone:			
De'An Bass	FEMA (Holt Community)	Jim Corcoran	FEMA (Cordova)
Will Selman	FEMA (Phil Campbell)	Kim Wilde	FEMA (Hackleburg)
Marian Wingo	FEMA (Rainsville/DeKalb Co.)	William Lokey	Witt Associates
Tye Warren	ASBDC	Allen Bowen	USDA RD
Kerry Craft	Habitat – Gulf Coast	Michael German	HUD - Birmingham
Virginia Morgan	ACES - AU	Steve Ostaseski	RPCGB

AGENDA ITEMS

Welcome

- Rocky Milliman, LTCR Coordinator, called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.

Accept Meeting Notes

- The notes from the February 28, 2012, meeting of the Capacity Planning & Community Building and the Natural & Cultural Resources Task Forces, along with the March 1, 2012, meeting notes for the Economic Recovery, Housing & Infrastructure Task Forces were approved as written.

Updates to Current Programs & Support Being Provided to the Communities

- The 6 task forces (Community Planning & Capacity Building, Economic Recovery, Health & Social Services, Housing, Infrastructure and Natural & Cultural Resources) created immediately following the April 27 tornadoes have been combined and will now be known as the LTCR Joint

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Task Force. Meetings will be held on a regular basis and email notification of the meetings will be sent to all task force members.

- The Atlanta EDA office reported that it had received a few applications for funding from Alabama. The deadline to apply for CDBG funding for 2012 was May 15. Supplemental CDBG funding has been appropriated and the action plan is being developed by ADECA's CED staff and will be submitted for approval by the deadline of July 21, 2012.
- Stephen Carr of the GFBCI is the manager of Alabama's Case Management Program and voiced the need to determine what organizations/agencies are available and can step up and take over ongoing cases and provide for unmet needs once his program concludes in a year.
- Ken Hollingsworth of ADECA's Workforce Development Division has been asked to create a viable workforce delivery system in terms of recovery by utilizing Alabama's 34 Family Service Centers, 21 Community Action Agencies and 45 Career Centers.
- The University System is another resource that can provide technical assistance to the various communities. For more information, Walker Jackson of Auburn's Technical Assistance Center can be contacted at www.auburnworks.org.

ADECA is Changing its Web Page for LTCR

- Josh Carples of ADECA has redesigned ADECA's LTCR web pages. Go to www.adeca.alabama.gov and click on Long-Term Community Recovery to see the changes.

Contractor on Board

- Through the RFP process, the State of Alabama secured the consulting services of Witt Associates to prepare a five-year Strategic Long-term Community Recovery Plan to ensure that effective organizational, legislative and funding goals, objectives and strategies are in place to guide state decisions for long-term community recovery going forward. (NOTE: Bill Lokey of Witt Associates and his staff may be contacting various task force members in an effort to gather data and other information as part of the discovery phase of their project.)

FEMA Update

- The Community Recovery Managers are embedded in each community working full-time to help each community develop its technical capacity and manage its community's long-term recovery.
- The Community Recovery Managers' work program includes: 1) facilitating the creation of sustainable local long-term community recovery steering committees, with appropriate technical capacity and committed community recovery partner organizations, to guide the rebuilding of each impacted community; and 2) assisting the long-term community recovery steering committees with developing implementation strategies for each of their priority recovery projects.
- The state and its partners will need to begin to step up and do more to help FEMA as they begin to exit Alabama. The Recovery Managers that have been assigned by FEMA to work in Alabama will be leaving the state sometime in the fall.
- There will be an ongoing need for the recovery committees to be linked to agencies, organizations and individuals who can provide technical assistance as the communities continue to implement recovery plans and begin new projects.
- A benefit to the recovery committees now would be a state coordinated road show where key state agencies, i.e. CDBG, DOT, Workforce Development, Housing, etc., come into the regions on

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a monthly/quarterly basis to hold coordination meetings and assist with funding and other technical issues.

Field Reports from RMs (Current projects/activities include):

CORDOVA

- Cordova is focusing on two recovery projects—redevelopment of downtown and construction of a grocery store.
- The City is presently pursuing a grant from the Economic Development Agency for construction of a speculative building to be used as a grocery store in the downtown area.
- EDA will host a meeting on May 23, 2012, to learn the parameters of the grant money.
- Redevelopment of the downtown area is presently going through the process with FEMA to approve various project worksheets to ultimately receive approval for redevelopment.

HACKLEBURG

- Worked on obtaining 501(c)3 status for recovery committee
- Located an architect to assist with plans to renovate the old bank building into a history center
- The city and water board are pursuing the infrastructure (sewer) project.
- Economic study is ready and should get an EDA grant
- Leads are being pursued to acquire a grocery store for the area
- Meetings have been held with respect to a mixed use project (housing over an economic development component)
- Working to open a temporary farmer's market (under tent) on June 2 and pursuing grants to build a permanent structure to house the farmer's market.
- Working on developing downtown and neighborhood design guidelines. (NOTE: Elizabeth Brown of the Historical Commission cautioned that Alabama law regulates what can and cannot be done with respect to design guidelines and mentioned that regulations should be investigated before too much time was spent on voluntary development).
- In the process of setting up a meeting with DOT with reference to a pedestrian connection across Hwy 43

HOLT

- Restructuring the local LTRC committee like a typical nonprofit organization for sustainability and more effective implementation efforts.
- Reorganizing/revitalizing the sub-committees and capacity building to implement projects—13 committees have been reorganized into 8: Housing & Health; Economic; Community Planning & Infrastructure; Natural & Cultural Resources; Capacity Building; Communications & Marketing; Finance, Fundraising & Grant Writing; and Holt Youth.
- Developing a strong recovery partner network to help implement projects, provide technical assistance, and build capacity.
- Holt's LTRC plan included eleven specific projects. The sub-committee participants prioritized four projects—collaboration of housing and human service organizations, a new foundry creative center, a regional park and community center and greening Holt, and will focus their efforts on the first two.

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- Other projects in the plan include housing market analysis and strategy, housing resource fairs, riverfront industrial park, town center plan, community design and master plan, Crescent Ridge corridor study, and Hurricane Creek nature trails.

PHIL CAMPBELL

- Working to obtain 501(c)3 status for the recovery committee
- The city park project is completed.
- Looking into opening a farmer's market
- The city has expressed an interest in updating its zoning ordinances.

RAINSVILLE

- Working to reboot the recovery effort. Recovery continues to be needed in the areas of economic development, infrastructure and housing in DeKalb County.
- The broadband width for DeKalb County Schools has been doubled.
- The DeKalb County Tornado Memorial project has been completed.

Project Successes

- Remember to share any project completions or other successes with the LTCR office.

Next Meeting

- When there are updates to address and information to share, a meeting notice will be emailed to task force members approximately 7 to 10 days prior to any scheduled meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.